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English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

Ninth Annual Meeting.

Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.

June 7-12, A. D., 1899.

With the Proceedings of the Sunday School Convention.

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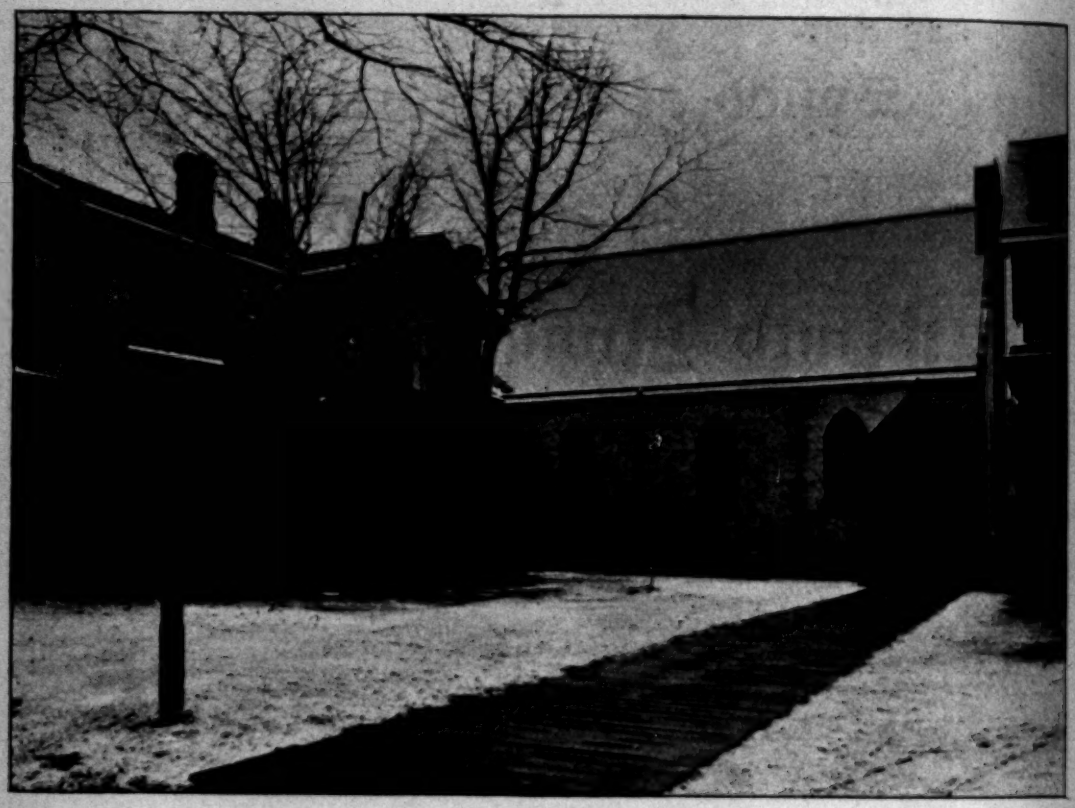

The Church of the Redeemer, [See Minutes, 1893, p. 2] was improved last June at a cost of $500. The frescoing is rich and beautiful, converting the former bareness into a thing of beauty, and so may it be to the worshipers, a joy forever. Beautiful, rich altar vestments and a fine oak reredos also have been added, which greatly enhance the churchliness, beauty and harmony of the sanctuary.

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Opening Service.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the "English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest" was held in the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., Rev. W. K. Frick, pastor, beginning June 7, 1899. The opening services were conducted by the President and Secretary, and consisted of the Order for Public Confession, and the Morning Service. The Synodical Sermon was preached by the President, Rev. W. K. Frick, on Psalm 93 : 5, choosing as his theme "A Holy Church."

The celebration of the Lord's Supper followed.

At the conclusion of the service, the President announced the Committee on Credentials, consisting of Revs. M. E. Boulton, E. A. Trabert and Mr. Abel Hanson.

First Session.

THURSDAY, June 8, 9 :30 A. M.

The first business session was opened with the Matin Service, conducted by the officers of Synod, the President concluding with the Order for the Opening of Synods.

The roll was called by parishes. On the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

and the subsequent reception of two congregations, and the ordination of a candidate for the ministry, the roll was completed as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

PASTORS.	ORDAINED.	ENTERED SYNOD.	PARISHES.	LAY DELEGATES.
1. G. H. Trabert, D. D.	1870	1898	Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.	C. A. Smith.
2. W. K. Frick,	1873	1891	Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.	Geo. K. Zachariasen.
3. S. W. Kuhns.	1875	1895	St. John's, Duluth, Minn.	F. Wm. Beckman.
4. J. F. Beates, *a. e.*	1884	1894	Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash.	
5. A. J. D. Haupt.	1884	1891	Memorial, St. Paul, Minn.	Henry Haubert.
6. Alfred Ramsey.	1885	1896	St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn.	J. A. Bohn.
7. W. H. Zuber.	1887	1895	Greensburg, Pa.	
8. A. C. Sweinsburg, *a. e.*	1888	1896	Holy Trinity (Woman's Memorial), Salt Lake City, Utah.	
9. H. K. Gebhart.	1889	1895	St. Mark's, Fargo, N. Dak.	J. F. Paul Gross, *a. e.*
10. R. L. Leatherman, *a. e.*	1891	1891	No Charge.	
11. L. Grey.	1893	1897	No Charge.	
12. J. A. Leas.	1894	1896	St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn.	H. A. Swanson.
13. Frank E. Jensen.	1897	1897	St. James, St. Paul, Minn.	Peter Otto, *a. e.*
14. M. E. Boulton.	1898	1898	St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn.	
15. E. A. Trabert.	1898	1898	Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.	Fred. Schulz.
16. W. F. Holl, *a. e.*	1898	1898	St. John's, Tacoma, Wash.	
17. C. L. Warstler, *o.*	1899	1899	Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.	
18.			Holy Communion, *r.* Racine, Wis.	Henry Schlechter. C. P. Nelson.
19.			St. Mark's, *r.* North St. Paul, Minn.	Abel Hanson.

a., absent; *e.*, excused; *r.*, received at this Meeting; *o.*, ordained at this Meeting.

The hours of the business sessions were fixed at 9 to 12 A. M., and 2 to 5 P. M.

The program as prepared by the Executive Committee was presented and adopted as the program for this convention.

The President read his annual report as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Beloved Brethren in Christ:

In church and state there have been stirring and eventful times during the past year. The discussion of the new era on which our country has entered, with its call for extending our foreign work into countries like Porto Rico, belongs more fittingly in a report to our own general body. So, too, anything more than a mere reference to the Peace Congress fostered by Russia and the unjust treatment of our Lutheran brethren in Finland fostered by the same Russia.

Thus appropriately may we refer to the new era that appears to be dawning in our beloved Church in America as indicated by the harmonious General Conference held in Philadelphia during last Christmas week by representative men of the General Council and General Synod. It indicates that the English Lutherans of America,—for in fact, though not in intention, it was an English Conference—have convictions, based on the Word and Confessions, for which they are prepared to contend and to sacrifice. It was not always thus. There has been much Lutheran zeal in this land of ours without knowledge, but our American Church has grown amazingly in clearness and firmness of conviction. If, by the grace of God, we succeed in doing two things, broadly speaking, no portion of any church in America is destined to advance by leaps and bounds in the next fifty years as the English portion of our church.

These two things are: On the one hand, Godliness in pulpit and pew, and, on the other, care to foster in each generation of young people as it comes on, a spirit of religious inquiry and denominational enthusiasm. The amount of interest, knowledge, and benevolence is of small account. If it is but real and living it will grow into something. The people who reach their high water-mark a year or two

after confirmation are the death of all church enterprise. The growing men and women insure stability to all our church endeavors.

How may we obtain such a constituency? The answer is found in a word—"*The Lutheran.*" Where we can succeed in arousing interest enough to secure the placing of a copy of the paper in every family, even though it be the fifty cent monthly, rather than the two dollar weekly issue, and at the same time interest enough to secure a steady reading of the editorial utterances of the paper by some member of the family, we have laid the foundation of a strong and aggressive Lutheran issue. As a mere church newspaper, "The Lutheran" is worth many times its cost; yet the true value of the paper consists in its thoughtful editorial examination from week to week of the great issues of the day, the testing of current forms of belief and unbelief by the Word of God, and the masterly grasp of the great home mission problem of the West. A thoughtful church is bound to be a victorious church, and a steady diet of "Lutheran" editorials read, considered and discussed in the family circle, will make a thoughtful church. How better can we use the closing years of the nineteenth century than by securing a subscription to "The Lutheran" from every family and one constant reader in every house.

A SURVEY OF THE YEAR

fills us with thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father. There is steady growth in nearly every Congregation. St. Paul's, Red Wing, shows an increase of 56 communicants; St. John's, Minneapolis, 48; St. James, St. Paul, 29; and Zion, The Dalles, 22.

St. John's, Minneapolis, has been making gains in a financial way. The current income is double what it was

three years ago. St. Luke's, Goodhue, pledges $40 a family for support of the church.

Holy Trinity, Seattle, has, by the self-sacrifice of its pastor, our laborious and devoted brother Beates, and the generosity of our worthy friend, Mr. Bohn, succeeded in paying off its back interest and reducing by $345 the principal of its debt.

Since March 1, 1899, St Paul's, Red Wing, has become self-sustaining. The secret of success has been "harmony, energy, perseverance."

Our Twin City pastors enjoy a Twin City pastoral association and their churches a Twin City Luther League.

Last August, I was able to gather ten pastors in this church for an evening's discussion of "The Benefits of a Devout Participation in the Holy Communion." The blessings of that discussion have been felt all year long.

Bro. Gebhart's Sunday School work at Fargo has so grown that enlarged accommodations are imperatively needed.

PASTORAL CHANGES.

Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus. D., and editor of the Parish Hymnal, on Dec. 15 last, terminated his work as pastor of the Milwaukee Deaconess Motherhouse and removed to Philadelphia to become Chaplain in the German Hospital. He was dismissed to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. The loss of his life experience and increasing work of the Synod will be felt here, but he will be able to speak many a good word in the East for the mighty cause with which we are charged.

Rev. A. C. Anda last fall changed his relations to the Chicago Synod, having removed to Goshen, Indiana. He left the work at Tacoma reluctantly, but left it without any floating debt and in a fairly healthy condition. His earn-

est spiritual work of three years won for him the love of his people and the West Coast brethren.

Rev. Grey ended two years' labor at The Dalles, on June 1. Zion Church will stand as a monument to his energy.

Our genial secretary, Rev. W. H. Zuber, closed his work at Trinity, St. Paul, several weeks ago. He leaves the congregation strengthened in every way. He has succeeded in reducing the principal of the debt and in lowering the rate of interest. He goes to Greensburg, Pa., to become the Financial Secretary of Greensburg Seminary.

DEDICATIONS AND CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

This chapel of the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, was improved last June at a cost of $500. What with reredos, rich altar vestments and frescoing, the Church has been converted into a thing of beauty in harmony with the general decoration of the walls.

St. John's, Duluth, has also put off its bareness and is all beautiful within.

December 9, 1898, the parsonage of Salem, Minneapolis, was dedicated with formal services in the Church and a social hour at the house. Its cost was $2,000, of which $1,200 is a loan from the Church Extension Society. All who have enjoyed the hospitality of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Trabert, congratulate him and the Congregation on the convenience of the parsonage.

Last Sunday, June 4, 1899, St. Luke's, Goodhue, was solemnly dedicated by the pastor, Rev. M. E. Boulton, in the necessary absence of the President of Synod, Rev. Messrs. Leas, Haupt and Zuber assisting and preaching. It stands in a lot 100 by 200 feet, and is of Gothic style,

32 by 48 feet. The cost was $1,643 including pews and furniture.

MISSIONS WITHIN THE SYNOD.

The activity of Bro. Leas, of Red Wing, has found an outlet in a new direction. Besides looking after Bro. Boulton's parish, during the latter's absence at the Chicago Theological Seminary, Bro. Leas has held some preliminary services at the town of Cannon Falls, twenty miles from Red Wing. With Bro. Boulton's assistance this work will be pushed, and will, no doubt, result as happily as at Goodhue.

At North St. Paul Bro. Haupt has struggled on with a work, which taxes his purse, head, heart, and health.

The work in Sherman county, Oregon, to which Bro. Holl was sent has been given up for the lack of available material, and Bro. Holl has, since January, been in charge of the Tacoma work under assignment of the General Council Board.

The greatest success has crowned the Wisconsin Missions. At Racine the work under Student C. K. Lippard developed so rapidly last summer that on September 4, 1898, I was able to organize it as the Church of the Holy Communion with twenty members. Under an arrangement with the Chicago Theological Seminary, Students Lippard and Marteinson alternated during the seminary year in the work of preaching and catechising. On the Sunday after Easter, under the eyes of two hundred persons who crowded the Y. M. C. A. parlors where services are held, I confirmed a class of five. Student G. F. Gehr, of the Seminary, has been secured for the vacation under pay from the Congregation but under the supervision of the Synod.

A harder crust had to be broken through at La Crosse. With the transfer of the work to the first story of the

Y. M. C. A. its solid growth began. On September 9, 1898, the Church of the Holy Trinity was organized. The pastor confirmed his first class of three on Trinity Sunday.

On May 28, Bro. Zuber installed him in his pastorate.

The festivals of the Church Year have given the pastor an opportunity to put his musical gifts to good account.

These missionaries have been laborious. They kept up a constant correspondence with me, reporting successes and seeking counsel. I regard no part of the year's labors with more satisfaction than the weekly interchange of letters with these young brethren.

What these churches need is lots and buildings. Their case is before the Church Extension Society. Now is the time to strike in both places.

I recommend that the receipts for the $150 each given by Messrs. Lippard and Trabert, which amounts were paid, through me, by Messrs. Bohn and Smith, be entered in the accounts of the Treasurer.

VISITATION.

Except a Sunday each in the two Wisconsin Missions, and a visit to St. Luke's, Goodhue, on Wednesday, after Synod of last year, where I installed the pastor, Rev. M. E. Boulton, I have not been able to visit the churches. No one regrets it more than I do, but my many duties here and at Chicago make it physically impossible.

One visit to The Dalles was undertaken, in my stead, by the traveling-missionary for the West Coast, Rev. J. A. Beates. Beyond this he has nothing to report. I would suggest to Synod that the duties of traveling-missionary be more clearly defined by Synod.

The West Coast clamors for the presence of the President of the Synod by way of recognition and encouragement. Still better would be that of the Superindent of Missions. Bro. Whitteker, by force of circumstances be-

came "the superintendent of the debt," as his successor, Bro. Kunzmann denominates himself. But the latter is apparently getting the church aroused to the necessity of throttling, instead of superintending it. He will visit this Synod also on the same errand. When he has succeeded in demolishing this giant, then he will be able to cry, "Forward March" all along the line.

As half the missionary territory of the General Council lies within the bounds of this Synod, we trust that, in the future, as in the past, half the effort put forth by the Council will be bestowed on this field.

"God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us."

WILLIAM K. FRICK.

Received and referred to Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

C. A. SMITH, Treasurer.

In account with THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

June 15, 1898, to June 7, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn.	$117.40
Memorial, St. Paul, Minn.	89.25
St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn.	104.13
Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.	150.10
St. Mark's, Fargo, N. Dak.	61.16
Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.	85.88
St. John's, Duluth, Minn.	53.50
Trinity, West St. Paul, Minn.	35.83
St. James', St. Paul, Minn.	26.49
Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash.	33.50
St. John's, Tacoma, Wash.	23.61
St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn.	8.88
Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah	28.22
St. Mark's, N. St. Paul, Minn.	6.60
Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.	1.00
Synodical Luther League	1.00
Balance Last Report	81.45
	$908.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Synodical, General Expenses	$111.00
Chicago Theological Seminary	84.33
General Council Foreign Missions	130.90
General Council Church Extension	241.53
General Council Home Missions	166.84
General Council German Home Missions	2.50
Synodical Home Missions	3.00
Orphan's Home, Vasa, Minn.	39.06
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses	31.89
Cash Balance, Treasury Account	65.80
Funds remaining in Treasury for Synodical Home Missions	29.57
Funds remaining in Treasury toward Balance due for the 1898 Delegates Traveling Expenses	1.58
	$908.00

Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses still due for 1898, and unpaid for want of funds are as follows:

St. John's, Duluth, Minn.	$4.77
St. Mark's, Fargo, N. Dak.	5.67
	$10.44

There is sufficient apportionment for this purpose due from 1898, but still unpaid.

Detailed Statement for Synodical Year 1898-1899.

RECEIPTS.

St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn.:

Synodical Treasury	$20.00	
Chicago Theological Seminary	5.50	
General Council Foreign Missions	20.80	
General Council Church Extension	38.64	
General Council Home Missions	20.20	
On Apportionment	$105.14	
Orphans	12.26	
		$117.40

Memorial, St. Paul, Minn.:

Chicago Theological Seminary	$5.00	
General Council Foreign Missions	35.00	
General Council Church Extension	20.00	
Synodical Home Missions	23.00	
On Apportionment	$83.00	
Orphans	6.25	
		$89.25

St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn.:

Synodical Treasury	$5.43	
Chicago Theological Seminary	25.00	
General Council Foreign Missions	16.86	
General Council Church Extension	16.16	
General Council Home Missions	23.05	
On Apportionment	$86.50	
Orphans	8.50	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses	9.13	
		$104.13

Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.:		
Synodical Treasury	$10.00	
Chicago Theological Seminary	33.25	
General Council Foreign Missions	19.60	
General Council Church Extension	60.00	
General Council Home Missions	27.25	
		$150 10
St. Mark's, Fargo, North Dakota:		
Synodical Treasury	$13.25	
Chicago Theological Seminary	4.08	
General Council Foreign Missions	9.06	
General Council Church Extension	21.45	
General Council Home Missions	13.32	
		$61.16
Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.:		
Synodical Treasury	$4.77	
General Council Foreign Missions	10.81	
General Council Church Extension	34.22	
General Council Home Missions	18.02	
On Apportionment	$67.82	
Orphans	10.05	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses	8.01	
		$85.88
St. John's, Duluth, Minn.:		
Synodical Treasury	$10.00	
General Council Foreign Missions	7.45	
General Council Church Extension	10.00	
General Council Home Missions	26.05	
		$53.50
Trinity, West St. Paul, Minn.:		
Synodical Treasury	$18.40	
General Council Church Extension	8.10	
General Council Home Missions	3.00	
On Apportionment	$29.50	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses	6.33	
		$35.83
St. James, St. Paul, Minn.:		
Chicago Theological Seminary	$5.00	
General Council Foreign Missions	2.00	
General Council Home Missions	13.60	
On Apportionment	$20.60	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses	5.89	
		$26.49

Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash.:		
Synodical Treasury	$6.50	
Chicago Theological Seminary	5.00	
General Council Foreign Missions	2.05	
General Council Church Extension	8 00	
General Council Home Missions	8.45	
On Apportionment	$30.00	
Permanent Delegates Traveling Expense Fund	3.50	
		$33.50
St. John's, Tacoma, Wash.:		
Synodical Treasury	$4.00	
General Council Foreign Missions	2.15	
General Council Church Extension	16.96	
General Council Home Missions	.50	
		$23.61
St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn.:		
Synodical Treasury	$2.00	
Chicago Theological Seminary	1.50	
General Council Foreign Missions	1.25	
General Council Home Missions	3.52	
On Apportionment	$8.27	
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses	.61	
		$8.88
Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah:		
General Council Foreign Missions	$3.87	
General Council Church Extension	8.00	
General Council Home Missions	11.85	
General Council German Home Missions	2.50	
On Apportionment	$26.22	
Orphans	2.00	
		$28.22
St. Mark's, North St. Paul, Minn.:		
Synodical Home Missions	$6.60	
		$6.60
Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.:		
General Council Home Missions	$1.00	
		$1.00
Paid over to Treasurer for Synodical Treasury by Treasurer Synodical Luther League	$1.00	
		$1.00

Balance in Treasury 1898.....	$81.45
	$908.00

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SMITH, Treasurer.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 7, 1899.

Received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President appointed as tellers Rev. F. E. Jensen, Mr. H. A. Swanson and Mr. F. W. Beckman, who reported the election as follows:

President, REV. WILLIAM K. FRICK.
Secretary, REV. J. A. LEAS.
Treasurer, MR. CHARLES A. SMITH.

WELCOME TO VISITING BRETHREN.

At this and subsequent sessions, the President welcomed to a seat in the convention the following brethren;

Rev. J. Telleen, Superintendent of Foreign Missions.

Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, Superintendent of Home Missions.

Rev. Prof. G. H. Geberding, D. D., President Chicago Synod.

Rev. W. A. Passavant, Pittsburg, Pa.

Prof. O. W. Oestlund, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Johnson, Emmanuel Norwegian Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Students, A. C. Peterson and G. F. Gehr.

The President then announced the following

REGULAR COMMITTEES:

1. *President's Report*—Revs. A. Ramsey, S. W. Kuhns and Mr. J. A. Bohn.

2. *Auditing*—Messrs. H. A. Swanson and Fred Schulz.

3. *Reception of Congregations*—Revs. G. H. Trabert, D. D., M. E. Boulton and Mr. Henry Haubert.

4. *Statistics and Parochial Reports*—Rev. W. H. Zuber and Mr. Geo. K. Zachariasen.

5. *Apportionment*—Mr. C. A. Smith and Rev. A. J. D. Haupt.

6. *Excuses*—Rev. W. H. Zuber.

7. *Traveling Expenses*—Rev. E. A. Trabert and Mr. Abel Hanson.

8. *Reporting for the Press*—Rev. H. K. Gebhart.

Synod adjourned ten minutes, after which was read the

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIUM.

Mr. C. L. Warstler, a graduate of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Chicago, having been regularly called to Trinity Church, St. Paul, Minn., after a satisfactory conference with the Examining Committee, is recommended for ordination.

SECRETARY.

The report was adopted, and Mr. Warstler was presented to Synod by Rev. S. W. Kuhns, and welcomed by the President.

Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., President of the Central Conference Committee, reported as follows:

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST, MILWAUKEE, JUNE 7, 1899.

To the President and Members of the Synod of the Northwest, Greetings:

The Central Conference Committee, organized at the last meeting of Synod held in Minneapolis, on the twentieth day of June, 1898, would respectfully report that it has held, during the year, three meetings. The

first at Memorial Church, St. Paul, on the twenty-ninth of September, 1898; the second at Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis, November tenth and eleventh, 1898; and the third at Red Wing, Minn., in St. Paul's Church on the thirty-first of January and the first of February, 1899.

These meetings were full of interest and profit to all who attended. The Lord's Supper was twice celebrated, all the pastors present partaking. The interest manifested both on the part of the pastors and people has been on the increase. The first meeting was largely devoted to the question of Church Loyalty and how best to awaken and preserve it. Also the all important question of the Communion, "Who are Worthy to Partake?" "How Often Should We Partake?" "What are the Benefits Conferred?"

At the La Crosse meeting, Confirmation claimed our attention. "The Best Methods of Instructing the Young in the Catechism," and "The Benefits and Abuses of Confirmation;" following theses by the President of Synod. This important and interesting topic was further developed at the Red Wiug meeting. Reports fron the field, as given by the different pastors at the several meetings, were full of encouragement and signs of steady progress.

We deeply regret that all the pastors in the Synod cannot enjoy the privileges we have been permitted to enjoy in these Conference Committee meetings, and we desire to express our thanks to Synod for having brought this work into being.

Your Committee has formulated the following:

Resolved, That we memorialize Synod to instruct its delegates to the next meeting of the General Council, to lay before that body the necessity of furnishing the Mission Edition of the Church Book to all mission congregations at *actual cost*, and to all others at a price not to exceed the sum of *Fifty Cents* (*$0.50*). This resolution was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. J. D. HAUPT, Secretary.

G. H. TRABERT, Chairman.

Report was received and, after amendment, was adopted. Adjourned by the use of the Lord's Prayer.

Second Session.

THURSDAY, June 8, 2:15 P. M.

Devotional Services were conducted by Student G. F. Gehr. Minutes read and approved.

THE ARCHIVARIUS

Reports the addition to the archives of the paper, by Judge A. Holt, on "The Minnesota Laws Relating to Church Property, Marriage and Divorce," besides numerous other papers of minor importance.

REV. WM. K. FRICK.

THE COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS

Reported as follows:

Two applications of congregations to be admitted into the Synod were placed into the hands of your Committee, viz.: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.; and the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion, at Racine, Wis.

Your Committee has examined the constitution of both congregations and find them perfectly in accord with this Synod and the applications regular. We therefore recommend that they be received into this body.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. TRABERT,
M. E. BOULTON,
H. HAUBERT.

Report adopted.

A report, supplemental to the report of the Conference Committee, was read by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

At a regular meeting of the Central Conference Committee held in the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., June 7th, 1899, after considerable discussion on the best methods of developing the extended mission territory of the Synod, it was resolved that we petition Synod to memorialize the General Council to place a Sunday School Field Secretary upon the territory occupied by Synod.

Our reasons for asking this are: (1.) That we find this system prevailing among the Reformed denominations to draw away from us our Lutheran children, and they are meeting with marked success. These denominations have such traveling field workers who go from place to place organizing Sunday Schools, getting persons from differ-

ent churches and nationalities interested in the work, and flooding these schools with their denominational literature. These schools soon grow up into self-supporting congregations; but in many of these, from 50 to 80 per cent. are children of our Lutheran parentage.

(2.) It is impossible to support a pastor at present in all of the fields needing active work *at once*, but a Field Secretary could do this work satisfactorily until the several missions would become self-supporting.

(3.) A Field Secretary could devote his whole time to one of our important centres, establish a live Sunday School and gather in our scattered children; then go to some other place and do likewise; having an oversight of the several schools and visiting them from time to time.

From past experience it has been found to be an *utter impossibility* for any of the missionaries upon the field to do this all important work. We therefore hope that this our petition will not be ignored by the General Council, but that, realizing the extent of our past and present losses, they will grant this our request.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. D. HAUPT,
ALFRED RAMSEY,
H. K. GEBHART.

Received for further consideration, and subsequently adopted.

The report of the

COMMITTEE ON NEW CONSTITUTION FOR CONGREGATIONS

Was then offered, and synod proceeded to consider by item. Adjourned with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

Third Session.

FRIDAY, June 9, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. L. Warstler. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Then reported as follows:

MILWAUKEE, WIS., June 9, 1899.

Your Committee have examined the Treasurer's Report and find the same correct. There is a balance of $10.44 due synodical delegates on traveling expenses. There remains in the Treasury a balance of $1.58 to be applied on same, leaving a deficit of $8.86.

H. A. SWANSON,
FRED. A. SCHULZ.

Adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to close his accounts with the congregations on Wednesday after Trinity Sunday of each year.

It was ordered that the amounts contributed by several congregations for Synodical Home Missions, together with a sum, taken from the general fund of Synod, sufficient to make the $200 pledged by Synod, be transferred into the General Council Home Mission fund, and so paid by the Treasurer.

Synod resumed the consideration of the proposed Constitution.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Fourth Session.

FRIDAY, June 9, 2:15 P. M.

Rev. M. E. Boulton conducted devotional services. The roll was called and the minutes of the Third Session were approved.

The Synod elected the following

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL:

PRIMARII.

Rev. W. K. Frick, *ex-officio*, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Mr. C. A. Smith and Mr. J. A. Bohn.

SECUNDI.

Rev. S. W. Kuhns (9 votes), Rev. J. A. Leas (8 votes), Mr. H. G. Rahn (13 votes), Judge A. Holt (11 votes.)

It was decided that the alternates serve in the order in which they were elected, with regard to number of votes received.

Invitations for the

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD

were received from Salem, Minneapolis; St. Luke's, Goodhue; and St. James, St. Paul. On balloting, St. Luke's was found to have a plurality of votes, whereupon the invitation was unanimously accepted.

The

COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT

read their report, which was discussed, re-committed, Rev. J. A. Leas added to the Committee, and the report subsequently received and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

In comparing the apportionments of last year with the Treasurer's receipts we find the following:

ITEMS.	APPORTIONED 1898.	PAID.	DEFICIT.	EXCESS.
Synodical General Expenses...	$120.00	$95.35	$24.65	.....
Presd't and Trav. Missionaries	100.00	.....	100.00	.....
Chicago Theological Seminary.	150.00	84.33	65.67	.....
Gen. Council Home Missions ..	200.00	199.41	.59	.....
Gen. Council Foreign Missions	100.00	130.90	.....	30.90
Gen. Council Church Extension	100.00	241.53	.....	141.53
TOTALS.....	$770.00	$751.52	$18.48	.....

We recommend that the following apportionments be made for the ensuing year:

General Expense Fund	$200.00
Chicago Theological Seminary	150.00
General Council Foreign Missions	150.00
General Council Home Missions	200.00
General Council Church Extension	200.00
	$900.00

We further recommend that this amount be apportioned the several congregations respectively, as follows:

Congregations.	Apportionment.	Synodical Expenses
St. John's, Minneapolis	$140.00	$30.00
Salem, Minneapolis	75.00	17.00
Memorial, St. Paul	100.00	22.25
Trinity, St. Paul	20.00	4.45
St. James', St. Paul	20.00	4.45
St. Mark's, North St. Paul	10.00	2.25
St. Paul's, Red Wing	125.00	27.75
St. John's, Duluth	60.00	13.50
St. Luke's, Goodhue	10.00	2.25
Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee	140.00	30.00
Holy Trinity, La Crosse	20.00	4.45
Holy Communion, Racine	15.00	3.35
St. Mark's, Fargo	60.00	13.30
Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City	25.00	5.55
Holy Trinity, Seattle	30.00	6.00
St. John's, Tacoma	30.00	6.00
Zion, The Dalles	20.00	4.45

We suggest that all the congregations in the Synod observe strictly the days and seasons set apart for special offerings for the General Council Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, and that every effort be

made on the part of the pastors to interest their people and increase the ingathering.

C. A. SMITH,
A. J. D. HAUPT, } Committee.
J. A. LEAS.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that the congregations set aside a special day at which time a special offering shall be taken, through envelopes provided for the purpose, for the benefit of the Chicago Seminary.

Discussion of the Constitution was resumed until adjourned by use of the Lord's Prayer.

Fifth Session.

MONDAY, June 12, 9:45 A. M.

Matin Service was conducted by Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D. The roll was called and the minutes approved.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The committee on President's Report respectfully submits the following items for the consideration of Synod:

1. That the Synod recognizes the important relation which the Church Paper sustains to our work, heartily commends "The Lutheran" to all our people and urges pastors and councils to make faithful effort to place this, "Our Church Paper," in the homes of our people.

2. That the amounts paid to the missionaries at Racine and La Crosse, through the President, be properly entered in the accounts of the Treasurer.

That it is the sense of this convention that the duties of the traveling missionaries are defined in the action of the convention of 1898, (see Min. '98, p. 23-24) by which the traveling missionaries are to co-operate with and report to

the Executive Committee, which is "charged with the *looking up and exploration of new* mission fields."

4. And that further: The Rev. H. K. Gebhart be reappointed as Traveling Missionary for the Dakotas; Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., for Minnesota; and Rev. J. F. Beates for the West Coast.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED RAMSEY,
S. W. KUHNS,
F. W. BECKMAN.

Adopted.

Sixth Session.

MONDAY, June 12, 4:15 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt.
The minutes were read and approved.

GREETINGS

from Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus. D., of Philadelphia, Pa., and Rev. J. F. Beates, of Seattle, Wash., were read, ordered placed on file, and the Secretary instructed to acknowledge the same.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL BLANKS

was read, considered by item, and in part adopted.

Index No.	Churches and Location. *	*Organized.	Membership.			Accessions by								Losses by				Other Official Acts		Sunday School.		
			*Baptized.	*Communicant.	*No. Communed.	*Infant Baptism.	*Adult Baptism.	*Confirmation.	*Letter.	*Renewal.	*Confession.	From Other Denominations.	Children Received, *i. e.*, with Parents.	Deaths.	Transfer.	Lapse and Removal.	Exclusion.	Marriages.	Funerals.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.

Those marked * were adopted by Synod.

Local.								General.											
Value of Church Property.	Debts—Funded and Floating.	Paid for Salaries, Current Expenses, etc.	Paid on Debt.	Paid for Special Improvements, Building, etc.	Income of Sunday School.	Income of Societies.	Total Income for Local Expenses.	Apportioned by Synod.	Apportionment Paid.	For Synodical General Expenses.	For President and Traveling Missionaries.	For G. C. Home Missions.	For G. C. Church Extension.	For Education—Chicago Seminary.	For G. C. Foreign Missions.	Other Charities.	Total General Benevolence.	Grand Total Moneys Raised.	Name and Address of Pastor.

Index No.	Name of Congregation.	CHURCH SOCIETIES.										
		Name of Society.	When Organized.	* Hold Meetings.	Membership.				Finances.			
					Officers.	Regular Members.	Associate Members.	Average Attendance.	For Local Objects.	For General Church Work.	For Other Benevolence.	Total Moneys Raised.
	St. John's, Minneapolis....	Ladies' Aid. Woman's Missionary. Luther League. Junior League. Etc., Etc.										

Note *. W.—Weekly. B.-W.—Bi-weekly. M.—Monthly.

F. E. Jensen,
J. F. Beates, } Committee.

The congregations were ordered enrolled, first with regard to States, secondly with regard to date of organization.

Adjourned with use of Lord's Prayer.

Seventh Session.

MONDAY, June 12, 7:30 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. E. A. Trabert. The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Synod then resumed the consideration of the proposed constitution, which was amended and finally adopted as a whole and referred to Revs. G. H. Trabert, D. D., A. J. D. Haupt, Alfred Ramsey and the Secretary as a committee, for publication.

[For Constitution, see Appendix.]

The officers of Synod were instructed to take steps to incorporate Synod.

Synod then heard the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Pastors		17
Congregations		17
Churches and Chapels—(brick, 4; frame, 11)		15
Parsonages		6
Value of Church Property		$107,700.00
Communicants (gain 296)		1888
Communed during the year		1243
Baptized Membership (gain 654 (		3386
Infants Baptized		169
Additions—Adult Baptism	11	
Confirmation	166	
Letter	40	
Profession	99	
		316

Losses—Deaths	13	
Removals	69	
		82
Net gain		234
Sunday Schools		18
Teachers and officers		189
Pupils (gain 271)		1870
Average attendance (gain 155)		1233
Benevolence—		
Synodical Treasury		$107.41
Education		89.45
Home Missions and Church Extension		430.27
Foreign Missions		128.92
Other Charitable Work		160.94
Congregational Expenses		16,403.08

For particulars see Parochial Reports.

WM. H. ZUBER,
GEO. K. ZACHARIASEN.

Adopted.

Report of

COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING EXPENSES.

Your committee respectfully reports as follows:

Total Traveling Expenses.....$153.70

It is recommended, that for the purpose of equalizing the expense, the following congregations pay into the Synod's traveling expense fund (see Min. '95, p. 53) the sums below named:

Memorial, St. Paul	$2.00
St. Paul's, Red Wing	4.00
St. John's, Minneapolis	4.00
St. James', St. Paul	2.00
St. Luke's, Goodhue	1.00
Trinity, St. Paul	1.00

And that the following congregations be paid by the Treasurer of Synod from the traveling expense fund the sums here named:

St. Mark's, Fargo.....$7.26
St. John's, Duluth..... 6.00

The expenses of the delegates from the West Coast Conference were $73.00. We refer this matter to Synod for action.

Respectfully submitted,

EARNEST A. TRABERT,
ABEL HANSON.

Considered by item and adopted.

Thirty dollars were voted Rev. L. Grey to defray traveling expenses.

The

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES

Was read and adopted.

Your committee reports the absence of the following members of Synod:

Revs. J. F. Beates, A. C. Sweinsberg and W. F. Holl, who are absent on account of the distance of their fields of labor; and delegates J. F. Paul Gross, of St. Mark's, Fargo; and Peter Otto, of St. James', St. Paul, who for sufficient reasons are unable to be present.

We recommend that they be excused. Messrs. C. A. Smith, J. A. Bohn, Henry Haubert and Fred. Schulz, for sufficient reasons, were excused from further attendance after Saturday evening.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. ZUBER.

The following resolutions were offered by Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our heartiest thanks to the Sisters at the Deaconess Motherhouse and the Hospital for

the cordiality with which they received the members of the Synod of the Northwest during the meeting of the said body in this city; in opening the doors of their institutions to us and in showing us the most cordial hospitality.

Resolved, That we recognize in those institutions a charity which appeals to every Christian heart; that the revival of the institution of Deaconesses in our church in America cannot be too highly commended, and that we call especial attention to it in our congregations with the hope that God will move the hearts of some of our young women to devote themselves to the Deaconess work for Christ's sake.

Resolved, That a page of our minutes be devoted to a summary of the Deaconess work in the church in America, and of the Deaconess and Hospital work of Milwaukee in particular.

Resolved, That we tender our cordial thanks to the pastor and congregation of the Church of the Redeemer for the hospitable manner in which the members of the Synod and Sunday School Convention were received and entertained; for all the kindness shown the attendants at the several sessions, and furthermore, for the beautiful drive over the city by which the beauties and the substantial character of Milwaukee were demonstrated.

Resolved, That, on the coming Lord's Day, the pastor of the Church of the Redeemer read the above resolutions to his congregation.

On motion, it was further

Resolved, That we hereby express our approbation of the conduct of the many brave and patriotic young men from our Synod and its territory, who are in the Philippine Islands, for the privations which they have endured, and the dangers which they have encountered in support of the administration and in the interests of our land and country at large; that they have the assurance of our prayers and our sympathies in their behalf in this time of conflict.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved families our sympathies and pray that our loving Heavenly Father may give them much comfort in the realization that they have done what they could in fighting the Lord's battle.

The President appointed the following

EXAMINING COMMITTEE:

Revs. S. W. Kuhns, Alfred Ramsey and G. H. Trabert, D.D.

Rev. W. K. Frick was re-elected archivarius.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Resolved, That the minutes of the Sunday School Convention be printed with the minutes of Synod.

[See Appendix for Minutes.]

Resolved, That 850 copies of the minutes be printed, and 100 copies deposited in the archives.

Resolved, That twenty-five dollars be appropriated by Synod from the synodical treasury to St. Mark's Mission, North St. Paul, Minn.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee shall arrange the program for the next Sunday School Convention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Constitution has not been presented in proper form for the signatures of the clerical members of Synod. [Min. '99, pp. 20-31.]

The Protocol is not written up to date. [Min. '98, pp. 27-28.]

Synod closed by singing two stanzas of Hymn No. 274 in the Church Book, and the President concluded with the Order for the Closing of Synods.

J. A. LEAS, Secretary.

Session of the Ministerium.

THURSDAY, June 8, 1899, 11 A. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President and opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Leas.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Mr. C. L. Warstler, a graduate of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Chicago, Ill., having been called to Trinity, St. Paul, is, after a satisfactory conference with him, recommended by the Examining Committee for ordination.

S. W. KUHNS,
ALFRED RAMSEY,
J. A. LEAS.

Report adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Telleen.

J. A. LEAS, Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS, WHITSUNDAY, MAY 29, 1898. TO WHITSUNDAY, MAY 25, 1899.

Index No.	Churches and Location	Organized.	Communicant Membership.	Baptized Membership.	No. Communed.	Accessions.						Losses.			Sunday Schools			
						Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Confirmed.	By Letter.	On Confession.	Children Received.	Death of Members.	Removed.	Excluded.	Number.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.
1	St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn., 17th St. and Chicago Ave.	1883	339	420	203	13	1	34	14	8	10	6	6		1	21	218	160
2	Memorial, St. Paul, Minn., Exchange and W. 6th St.	1883	300	415	205	21	4	20	6	12	31	4	12	16	1	18	175	113
3	Trinity, St. Paul, Minn., Robie and Ada Sts.	1886	61	200	27	5				5	4				1	10	99	69
4	St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn., West Ave., near 4th St.	1886	287	380	158	18	1	31	4	14	6	3	1	5	1	16	170	120
5	Salem, Minneapolis, Minn., 28th St. and Garfield Ave.	1890	115	225	92	7	3	13		11		2	5	4	1	15	160	94
6	St. John's, Duluth, Minn., 3d St. and Lake Ave.	1890	91	225	60	15		5	9			3			1	11	100	75
7	St. Mark's, North St. Paul, Minn.	1890	20	35	17	2		6		3	5	2			1	6	63	40
8	St. James', St. Paul, Minn., Marshall Ave. and Grotto St.	1895	75	250	66	17		6		20				1	1	12	106	65
9	St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn.	1897	40	67	32	5	1	7		1			2		1	5	40	33
10	Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., 16th St., between Grand Ave. and Wells St.	1890	240	447	160	21		17	1	15		2	4	5	1	17	202	122
11	Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.	1898	43	125											1	10	100	66
12	Eng. Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.	1898	22	100	24	3		3	1	18					1	9	65	43
13	Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash., Union and 7th Sts.	1890	35	119	31	9		1				1		1	1	7	76	53
14	St. John's, Tacoma, Wash., 5th and I Sts.	1891	30	47	28			4	1			4	2	2	2	9	58	20
15	St. Mark's, Fargo, North Dakota, 4th Ave. and 8th St.	1891	114	181	61	16		9		4		2			1	12	166	106
16	Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah, South 4th East St.	1892	21	48	17	3				1		3	3		1	4	16	10
17	Zion Evang. Lutheran Church, The Dalles, Oregon.	1897	55	102	62	4	1	9	1	6					1	7	53	43

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.—Concluded.

Index No.	Apportioned, 1898.	Contributions.									Name and Address of Pastor.
		Paid on Apportionment.	Synodical Treasury.	Education.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Foreign Missions.	Other Charities.	Local Expenses.	Total.	
1	$128.50	$105.14	$20.00	$5.50	$20.20	$38.64	$20.80	$12.26	$2671.98	$2780.38	Alfred Ramsey, Minneapolis, Minn. 1910 Columbus Ave.
2	53.50	83.00		5.00	23.00	20.00	35.00	59.89	1881.49	2024.38	Alex. J. D. Haupt, St. Paul, Minn. 175 Iglehart St.
3	28.50	29.50	18.40		3.00	8.10		6.33	401 26	437.09	C. L. Warstler, St. Paul, Minn. 142 East Congress St.
4	128.50	86.50	5.43	25.00	23 05	16.16	16.86	8.50	953.70	1057.83	J. A. Leas, Red Wing, Minn. 612 Fourth St.
5	78.50	85.88	4 77		18.02	34.22	10.81	15.44	1845.62	1928.88	G H. Trabert, D. D., Minneapolis, Minn. 606 W. 28th St.
6	53.50	53 50	9.98		26 05	10.00	7.47	5.00	1231 03	1289.53	S. W. Kuhns, Duluth, Minn. 312 Lake Ave. N.
7	8.50	6.60			6.60			1.50	126.44	134.54	Supplied by Student Wm. Williams. North St. Paul, Minn.
8	13.50	20 60		5.00	13.60		2.00		1226.79	1247.39	Frank E. Jensen, St. Paul, Minn. 246 St. Albans St.
9	13.50	8.27	2.00	1 50	3.52		1 25		1873.00	1881.27	M. E. Boulton, Goodhue, Minn.
10	103.50	150.10	10.00	33.25	27.25	60.00	19.60	9.45	1663.73	1823.28	Wm. K. Frick, Milwaukee, Wis. 2305 Gedar St.
11		1 00							309.84	310.84	Supplied by Student G. F. Gehr, 1030 Washington Av., Racine, Wis.
12								13.00	106.73	119.73	Earnest A. Trabert, La Crosse, Wis. 516 Division St.
13	35.50	30.00	10 00	5.00	8.45	8.00	2.05	5.00	714.53	753.03	Jas. F. Beates, Seattle, Wash. 610 Pike St.
14	33.50	23.61	4.00	5.12	5.00	16.96	2.15		150.00	183.23	Wm. F. Holl, Tacoma, Wash. 722 South I St.
15	58.50	61.16	13.25	4.08	13.32	21.45	9.06		501.73	562.89	H. K. Gebhart, Fargo, N Dak. 319 8th St. N.
16	23 50	26.22	1.18		11.85	6.82	3.87	4.50	195.21	223.43	A. C. Sweinsberg, Salt Lake City, Utah. 336 S. 4th East St.
17	13.50					16.00		6 00	550.00		L. Grey, The Dalles, Oregon.

Religious Services.

WEDNESDAY EVENING: Opening Service.

Altar Services conducted by the Secretary, Rev. W. H. Zuber.

Synodical Sermon by the President, Rev. W. K. Frick. Text: Psalm 93:5. Theme: "A Holy Church."

Preparatory Service and Communion.

THURSDAY EVENING: Ordination of C. L. Warstler.

Altar Services conducted by Rev. J. A. Leas.

Ordination Sermon by Rev. Alex. J. D. Haupt, Memorial, St. Paul. Text: John 21:19-22. Theme: "Follow Me."

Ordination by President.

FRIDAY EVENING:

Altar Services conducted by Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Fargo, North Dakota.

Address on "Education," by the Rev. Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., President Chicago Synod.

Address on "Foreign Missions," by the Rev. J. Telleen, Superintendent General Council Foreign Missions.

SUNDAY MORNING:

Liturgical Services conducted by Rev. F. E. Jensen.

Sermon by Rev. A. Ramsey, Minneapolis, Minn. Text: Hebrews 13:9. Theme: "Firm in the Faith and Trust."

SUNDAY NOON:

Sunday School. Addresses by visiting brethren.

SUNDAY EVENING:

Liturgical Services conducted by Rev. S. W. Kuhns.

Address by Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, Superintendent General Council Home Missions. Text: Gal. 6-10.

Address by Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., Director of Institution of Protestant Deaconesses, Pittsburg, Pa.

Offerings for Home Missions.

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES:

Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., preached in the Milwaukee Hospital; Rev. J. C. Kunzmann in the Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.; Rev. S. W. Kuhns in Emmanuel Norwegian Lutheran Church, Milwaukee; and Rev. J. A. Leas in the Scandinavian Church, corner Reed and Scott Streets.

APPENDIX.

Sunday School Convention.

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

SATURDAY, June 10, 1899.

The Rev. H. K. Gebhart, of Fargo, conducted the devotional service, making use of the Matin Service in the Sunday School Book. At 9:18 the convention was called to order by the Rev. H. K. Gebhart.

The Rev. A. J. D. Haupt and Mr. Fred. Schulz were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

The roll, by parishes, showed delegates present as follows:

Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee—Miss Amelia Jacobson, Miss Julia Peterman, Mr. S. Wilde, Mr. A. C. Petersen and Rev. W. K. Frick.

Church of the Holy Communion, Racine—Miss Emma Johnson, Miss Gena Gunderson, Mr. Chas. Weaver, Mr. Peter Larson and Mr. John Williams.

Church of the Holy Trinity, La Crosse—Mrs. E. A. Trabert, Rev. E. A. Trabert and Mr. Fred. Schulz.

St. John's, Minneapolis—Miss Edna M. Benson, Miss Amelia Croonquist, Miss Emma Turnquist, Mr. J. A. Bohn and Prof. O. W. Oestlund.

Salem, Minneapolis—Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D.

Memorial, St. Paul—Miss Annie Hundertmark, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt and Mr. Henry Haubert.

Trinity, St. Paul—Rev. C. L. Warstler.

St. James, St. Paul—Rev. F. E. Jensen.

St. Mark's, North St. Paul—Mr. Abel Hanson.

St. Paul's, Red Wing—Rev. J. A. Leas and Mr. H. A. Swanson.

St. Luke's, Goodhue—Rev. M. E. Boulton.

St. John's, Duluth—Rev. S. W. Kuhns and Mr. F. W. Beckman.

St. Mark's, Fargo—Rev. H. K. Gebhart.

There were no delegates present from Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah; St. John's, Tacoma, Washington; Holy Trinity, Seattle, Washington; and Zion, The Dalles, Oregon.

Members of Synod were considered members of the convention.

Mrs. E. A. Trabert was elected secretary of the convention.

The general discussion for the morning session was on "The Practical and Pastoral Sides of Sunday School Work."

The regular program of the convention was opened at 9:25 by a paper on "Regularity in Sunday School Attendance," by Rev. J. A. Leas. This was followed by a paper on "The Preponderance of Women Teachers," by Rev. C. L. Warstler. The floor was thrown open to friends and visitors. A general discussion followed these papers, in which many took part.

After singing two stanzas of hymn 117 in the Sunday School Book, a paper on "Loyalty to the School and Through the School to the Church," prepared by Miss Eva Strauch, of St. Paul, was read by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt. The paper prepared by Mr. G. A. Bergen, of St. John's, Tacoma, Washington, and read by Rev. M. E. Boulton, on "Interesting the Children in the Work of the Church," immediately followed. These two papers elicited an interesting and profitable discussion.

The convention then sang hymn 220, after which "The Pastoral Side of the Sunday School Teacher's Work" was discussed in a paper prepared by Rev. A. C. Sweinsberg, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and read by Rev. Alfred Ramsey. Rev. E. A. Trabert then read a paper on "Reaching the Homes and Working Classes Through the Sunday School." After a brief discussion, the hour for adjournment having

arrived, it was moved that further discussion be left until the afternoon session.

It was further moved that questions to be handed in for a question box be prepared during the noon intermission. The convention adjourned with the use of hymn 34 and the Lord's Prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened promptly at 1 :45 with use of hymn 297, and prayer offered by Rev. L. Grey. The convention was immediately called to order and the last two papers read at the morning session were discussed.

On motion it was resolved that the time allowed each speaker during the discussion of each paper should not exceed three minutes.

The general subject under discussion during the afternoon session was "The Sunday School Considered as a School."

The first paper read was on the subject: "The Distinctive Features of Bible Story and Bible History. Rev. S. W. Kuhns presented the subject in a most eloquent manner. A lively discussion followed the reading of this paper. Rev. H. K. Gebhart then addressed the convention in another paper on "The Use and Abuse of the Printed Questions in the Seventh Grade." The discussion of this paper was animated. Two stanzas of hymn 199 were then sung.

Following the hymn, Mr. A. C. Petersen read a paper on the "Value of the Cathechetical Exercise," a discussion bringing out many of the strong features of that paper followed. Mr. J. A. Bohn read a carefully prepared paper on one of the most fertile themes presented to the convention, "Indoctrination Through the Sunday School." The discussion which followed was spirited and taken part in by many.

After the use of hymn 183, the last paper to be read be-

fore the convention was presented by Rev. F. E. Jensen on "Examinations and Promotions in the Sunday School." A lengthy and spirited discussion followed, in which the members of the convention manifested a hearty interest.

On opening the question box, which was the next item upon the program, the following questions were presented and answered by the chairman:

How many members should a Sunday School class contain? What evil can result from forcing a child to go to Sunday School?

It was moved and seconded that the Synod be requested to arrange for a Sunday School convention next year in connection with the synodical meeting.

Hymn No. 40, "Saviour Again to Thy Dear Name," was preceded by the reading and adoption of the minutes. The convention adjourned with the use of the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction.

MRS. E A. TRABERT, Secretary.

THE MILWAUKEE HOSPITAL AND DEACONESS MOTHERHOUSE.

The Milwaukee Hospital is situated on its beautiful grounds, Twenty-Second, Cedar and State Streets, Milwaukee, Wis., and is the most prominent hospital in the city. It was founded by Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D., in 1863, and is conducted by the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses. Rev. W. A. Passavant is General Director, and Martha Gensike is Directing Sister. From Rev. Mr. Passavant's last report the following is gleaned with regard to the past year's work and progress:

The year 1898 was the most successful in the history of the institution. There was a larger number of patients, a larger number of doctors enlisted in the work, a larger income, and the sympathy and practical support of more friends were given than ever before. During the year ending January 1, 1899, seventy different physicians sent patients to the hospital, the total number cared for being 590, an increase of 153 over the preceding years. Their classification and nursing days were as follows:

Pay and part pay,	453	Nursing days,	9522
Free patients, -	137	" "	6717
	590		16,239

The average stay of each patient was twenty-eight days, and the average cost for each patient was a fraction less than one dollar per day.

Sixty-nine children, than whom no patients are more responsive to the kindly offices of the Sisters, were nursed within its sunshiny walls.

Extensive improvements were made. The exterior of

the building, including tin roofs, and all brick work, has also been thoroughly repaired and painted, so that both inside and out, it attracts the favorable comment of visitors upon its excellent appearance.

The year was begun with a deficit of $5,000, caused by extra expenditures in building and increased outlays for furnishment. But through the hearty generosity of Mr. Frederick Layton every bill has been paid, and the Layton "Memorial Bed" made perpetually free by an endowment of $5,000. The total income for the year was $20,977.20. With this were met the ordinary expenditures of $16,069.60, and the deficit in the building fund account of $3,462.47. The $1,000 temporarily borrowed from a special fund was returned, and a small surplus is in the treasury. The entire indebtedness was reduced by $10,000 received from the Pfister estate, reducing the debt to $7,915.51. Ten years ago, the debt was almost $35,000.

On December 15th, 1898, the Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus. D., Assistant Director and Rector, tendered his resignation and accepted a call to institutional work in Philadelphia. Says Rev. Mr. Passavant: "His accuracy, method and devotion to the interests of the Institution won for it the confidence of the business community, and his general work enlarged the circle of its friends and secured for him the high regard of all who knew him."

Since Dr. Ohl's departure, the place has been supplied by Rev. W. A. Passavant, Director; and Rev. W. K. Frick, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer. At present, Student A. C. Petersen conducts the chapel services.

Since the Rectory became vacant, it has been fitted up as a Motherhouse for the Sisters. At present the Hospital grounds are undergoing extensive improvements, to correspond with the beauty of the building itself. A new driveway with an easier grade is almost completed. The unsightly bank on Twenty-First Street is terraced, and trees and shrubbery will be planted.

Writes Rev. Mr. Passavant in "Annals of the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses:"

"The Institution of Protestant Deaconesses is charged with the conduct and management of seven institutions of mercy, including its Motherhouse. In them are children, orphan children, to rear and educate; the aged to comfort and care for; the epileptic to encourage and protect, and the crippled, the sick and the suffering to nurse back to bodily and spiritual health. Here we have need of teachers, nurses, careful administrators and patient care-takers, in short we want deaconesses for positions that will call into play and fully utilize every gift and grace that a Christian woman can possess. It is an 'open door' that many could enter if they would. They could here find usefulness, a blessed contentment and a close personal service of Christ for life. To fully equip our seven institutions will require not less than forty deaconesses, in addition to the Sisters now members of the Motherhouse family. What room there is in this vineyard for those who stand idly about the world's market place!

"There are no vows to be assumed. There are no more restrictions on personal liberty than the necessities of a Christian family life require. The right of each Sister to leave the work at any time is sacredly guaranteed. Every rule and regulation of the Motherhouse is sought to be drawn from or founded upon God's Word. For these reasons we appeal for probationers, and invite any one interested to send to the Motherhouse for literature to further explain the life and work of a Christian deaconess. Personal letters may for the present be addressed to Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa."

(For history and methods of Deaconess Work, see Rector Ohl's report, Minutes 1894, pp. 47-61; also "Annals of the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses.")

CONSTITUTION

OF

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

ARTICLE I.

THE NAME.

The name of this congregation shall be the..... Evangelical Lutheran Church of..... County of..... State of .....

ARTICLE II.

THE FAITH.

SECTION 1. This congregation accepts the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments as the revealed Word of God and the only rule of faith and life; and the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism, together with the Large Catechism, the Apology, the Schmalcald Articles and the Formula of Concord, as the correct interpretation of that Word; with which all books of worship and all instruction in the congregation shall accord.

SEC. 2. This congregation shall be in union with a synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church whose doctrinal basis is

in accordance with Section 1 of this Article.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This congregation shall consist of the pastor or pastors and such other members of the Church of Christ as accept this constitution and conform to its requirements.

All children baptized in this congregation and such children of communicants as have been baptized elsewhere, and have not yet reached years of separate responsibility are members of this congregation; but they shall not be entitled to the Lord's Supper until duly instructed and confirmed.

All persons who have been instructed in the doctrines of the church and received into this congregation by adult baptism or confirmation, or who have been received at a public service either from another Lutheran congregation on a letter of transfer or other evidence satisfactory to the church council, or from a congregation not Lutheran on similar evidence and after necessary instruction by the pastor, are communicant members.

SEC. 2. It is the duty of every member to be steadfast in the baptismal covenant; to be faithful in attendance upon the services of the church; to receive the Lord's Supper regularly and, if possible, as often as celebrated; to contribute systematically to the support of the congregation; to engage in works of mercy as behooves a

follower of Christ; to be temperate in all things and to abstain from all worldliness which leads away from the love of God, and from all associations of an infidel or doubtful character or which claim for themselves what God has given to His church alone.

If parents, it is their duty to have their children baptized as early as possible and, whenever practicable, in the presence of the congregation; to have them instructed and confirmed as soon as they shall have reached a proper age; and diligently to engage in family prayer and Christian training at home.

SEC. 3. Voters.—Communicant members not under church censure, who contribute regularly to the support of the congregation as God prospers them, and who are at least twenty-one (21) years of age, shall be entitled to vote.

SEC. 4. Dismissals.—Members in good standing, who remove into the bounds of another Lutheran congregation, shall be entitled to a letter of transfer by the church council.

Members who persistently neglect the Means of Grace and refuse to support the church shall be duly admonished by the pastor and every reasonable effort shall be put forth by the church council to reclaim them; if they continue in their neglect, their names shall be stricken from the roll, but upon application they shall be given a certificate stating only the fact of their former membership.

These letters shall be issued by the pastor, upon the authority of the church council, or by the council itself in case the pastorate be vacant, according to the forms prescribed in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV.

THE PASTOR.

SECTION 1. No one shall be the pastor of this congregation who has not been obligated to the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as set forth in Article II, Section 1, and whose faith and life are not in accord therewith.

He shall be or become a member of the synod with which this congregation is connected.

SEC. 2. The DUTIES of the pastor shall be to preach the Word, to administer the Sacraments, to give instruction to the young and all others needing it, in the principles and practices of the Christian religion as set forth in Luther's Small Catechism; to conduct public worship on the Lord's Day, the principal church festivals and at other suitable times; and to perform all the offices usual to his calling according to the tenets, rites and customs of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

He shall not admit to the pulpit anyone of whose soundness in the faith there is reason to doubt.

He shall keep a record of all his ministerial acts in the congregation, in a book to be by it provided and to remain its property.

The pastor, as the chief officer of the congregation, shall be the president of the church council and of the congregation. If he be absent, or if for some special reason he or the congregation deem it best that he should not preside, one of the legal voters shall be elected to the chair.

He shall make all public statements of excommunication or restoration. No official act of the council or congregation shall take effect without his knowledge, and his having had an opportunity of being heard; and in the necessary absence of the pastor, no business of such a nature that he, as the spiritual head of the congregation, has a right to be heard in it, shall be finally disposed of.

SEC. 3. Vacancies.—When there is a vacancy in the pastorate, the council shall inform the president of conference or synod and solicit his advice, and after prayerful consideration, shall nominate a candidate eligible according to Section 1 of this Article.

One candidate only shall be nominated at one time to be voted for or against by ballot, at a congregational meeting duly called, and a majority of two-thirds of the legal voters present shall be necessary to an election.

SEC. 4. The Call.—When a pastor has been thus elected a written call shall be sent him by the council, in which the support guaranteed him by the congregation shall be specified.

SEC. 5. Installation.—As soon as prac-

ticable after the pastor has entered upon his work in the congregation, he shall be regularly installed according to the form prescribed in the Order of Ministerial Acts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SEC. 6. Resignation.—A pastor, before leaving the congregation, shall present a written resignation to the church council, who shall lay it before a congregational meeting called for the purpose according to the provisions of this constitution.

In case the resignation is accepted, he shall not leave the congregation without its consent until after the expiration of three months from the date of his resignation.

ARTICLE V.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL.

SECTION 1. At each annual meeting the congregation shall elect one-third (⅓) (as near as may be) of the number of deacons specified in the By-Laws; from the male members over twenty-one (21) years of age, eligible according to Article III, Sections 2 and 3, to serve for three (3) years; a majority vote being necessary to an election.

They shall be installed as soon after their election as possible.

At the first meeting after their installation, they shall elect from their own number a secretary and a treasurer, who shall be the secretary and treasurer of the congregation, together with such other officers as are set forth in the By-Laws.

SEC. 2. The duties of the deacons are of such a nature as to leave the pastor, as near as may be, unobstructed time and energy for the directly spiritual part of his official work, and also to aid him in that work by their counsel and co-operation. They shall collect and disburse all moneys, see that the pastor receive sufficient salary and that it be promptly paid; that the elements be secured for the Lord's Supper, the vessels properly kept and the altar prepared for the communion; and attend to all other duties as set forth in their charge of installation as found in the Order of Ministerial Acts. They shall, in connection with the pastor or pastors, constitute the church council as the executive officers of the congregation.

The church council shall have the care of all the property of the congregation, real and personal; but the trustees hereinafter provided for shall be the congregation's agents at law, unless otherwise ordered.

In case of a vacancy in the pastorate, the council shall confer with the president of conference or of synod and see that the pulpit is regularly supplied, or, failing to secure a supply, they may appoint a layman to conduct the services.

They shall in no way, without the consent of the congregation, encumber or dispose of its property, or incur a debt to exceed one-tenth of the annual income.

SEC. 3. In case of a vacancy in the diaconate, it may be filled for the unexpired

term at a special meeting of the congregation.

SEC. 4. The congregation shall annually elect, from the deacons, the trustees required by law. Their number shall never be less than three, nor more than nine.

ARTICLE VI.

DISCIPLINE.

OF THE PASTOR.

SECTION 1. If serious charges of heresy, immorality, or any misdemeanor incompatible with the sacred office, be brought against the pastor by two or three credible witnesses, the council, having selected one of its own number to preside, shall investigate the matter and exhaust every effort to remove the cause of complaint and restore harmony. Should their efforts fail, and they deem the case of sufficient importance, they shall report it to the president of conference or of synod, as the synodical constitution may require.

Charges must be made in writing, and a copy furnished the pastor at least ten (10) days before his examination by the council.

OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 2. Any member accused of a flagrant violation of Article III, Section 2, shall be dealt with according to Matthew xviii: 15-17. If found guilty, the only penalties that the council may impose are admonition, censure, or suspension. As soon as evidence of genuine repentance is shown the ban shall be removed.

If the person has not been restored within the time specified in his suspension, the congregation may exclude the offender from its membership.

The accused shall be presented with a written copy of the charges at least three weeks before his examination by the council. Should he refuse or neglect to appear, the examination and decision in his case shall not be hindered.

If the accused feels that he has been unjustly dealt with, he may appeal in writing to the congregation, through the pastor or secretary, within thirty (30) days after receiving written notice of the action of the church council. A congregational meeting shall be called to hear and act upon such appeal within one month after the receipt of the same; and if satisfaction is not thus obtained, he may appeal to conference and thence to synod, as prescribed in the synodical constitution.

ARTICLE VII.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the congregation shall be held in the church on the ....
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SEC. 2. At the annual meeting reports shall be presented by the pastor, the treasurer, the superintendent of the Sunday school, and the different societies of the congregation, in regard to the spiritual and financial progress, standing and work

of the congregation during the year. Deacons and trustees shall be elected, also delegates and alternates to synod and conference elected or otherwise provided for.

SEC. 3. Special meetings may be called by order of the council, or at the request of the pastor, or at the written request of five (5) voting members. The time, place and object of the meeting must be announced at a public service on at least two (2) Sundays previous.

No important business shall be finally passed upon except that for which the meeting was especially called.

ARTICLE VIII

SCHOOLS.

SECTION 1. The congregation shall always maintain a Sunday school, in which the Bible, the Small Catechism, and the Sunday school lesson and service books authorized by the synod to which this congregation belongs, shall be the means of instruction; and, when practicable, a church school, in which, in addition to the religious instruction specified above, the usual secular branches shall be taught.

SEC. 2. The pastor is ex-officio the head of the Sunday school, but the teachers and officers of the school should elect an assistant superintendent satisfactory to the church council, whose duty it shall be to look after the growth and welfare of the school; to see that the teachers and scholars are regular and attentive, and to as-

sist the pastor in the opening and closing services, or take full charge as the pastor may request.

SEC. 3. The teachers in the Sunday school should be confirmed members in good standing of an Evangelical Lutheran congregation, and shall be appointed by the pastor and assistant superintendent.

ARTICLE IX.

RIGHT OF PROPERTY.

SECTION 1. In case of a division of this congregation, its property, real and personal, shall belong to that part which remains faithful to this constitution and to the synod adhering to the Fundamental Principles of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

SEC. 2. Should there be a dissolution of this congregation from any cause whatever, the lands, tenements and other estates, real and personal, thereto belonging, shall vest in the synod with which this congregation has been connected.

ARTICLE X.

SECTION 1. By-Laws not in conflict with the letter or spirit of this constitution may be made by the congregation.

ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. Amendments may be made at a congregational meeting regularly call-

ed, provided they shall have been presented in writing and read to the congregation at least four weeks previous, and receive a majority of two-thirds of the voting members present.

SEC. 2. Article II, Section 1 of Article IV, and Article IX, shall never be altered, amended or annulled.

ERRATA.

Page 5, first line, second paragraph, for "Thus" read "More."

Page 6, twelfth line, for "Lutheran issue, "read "Lutheranism."

Page 7, eighth line from bottom, read "ripe experience and interest in the."

Page 8, fifteenth line, for "Church" read "chancel."

Page 9, Racine Church organized with *thirty-four* members.

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